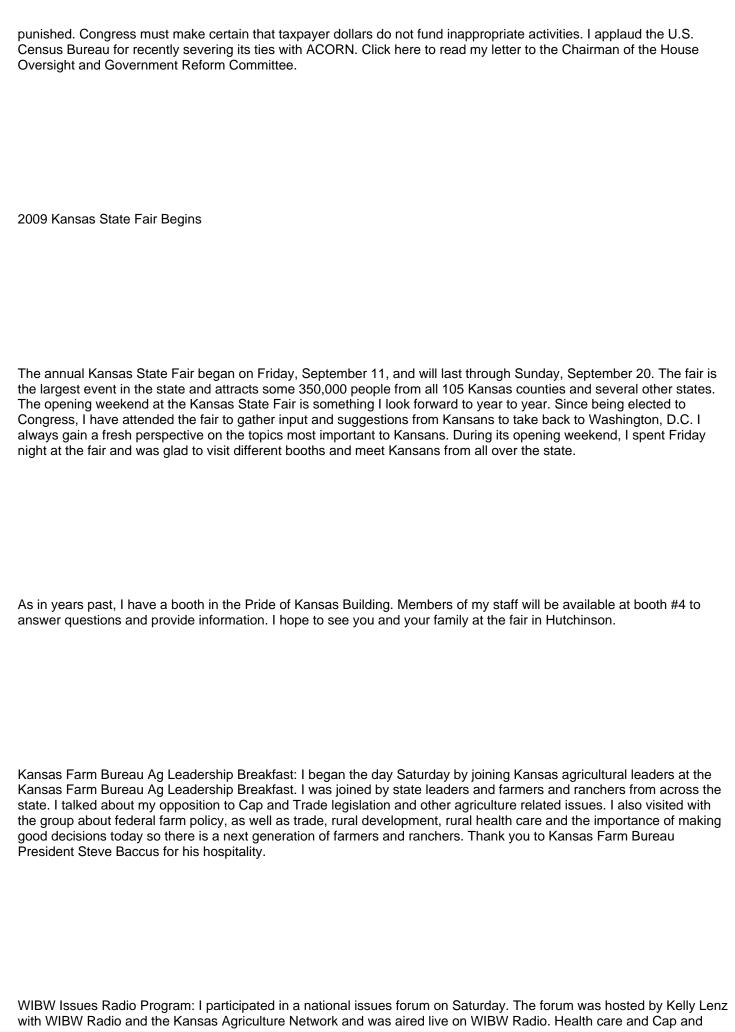
9/14/2009 This Week in Congress

This Week in Congress September 14, 2009 Dear Friend, Welcome to "This Week in Congress." A proclamation signed by President Dwight Eisenhower on October 30, 1956. declares the week of September 17 through September 23 as Constitution Week. This year's national celebration marks the 222th anniversary of the signing of the U.S. Constitution. Calling for an Investigation of ACORN On Friday, I urged the Chairman of the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee to investigate the activities of the Association of Community Organizations for Reform Now (ACORN). ACORN is a federally-subsidized organization, funded by taxpayers' dollars. Several videos released to the media this week show ACORN employees fraudulently advising individuals of methods to illegally evade taxes by masking prostitution under an IRS tax code, among other things.

Previously, 11 former ACORN employees were arrested for suspicion of voter registration fraud. I oppose any taxpayer dollars being provided to ACORN and anyone associated with the organization that is convicted of a crime should be



Trade legislation were the primary topics at the forum.
Thank you to Kelly Lenz and Greg Akagi for inviting me to participate.
Via Christi Legislative Lunch: Later on Saturday, I attended a legislative lunch that was hosted by Via Christi Health System. Via Christi Health System was formed on October 1, 1995. Today, it is the largest provider of health care services in Kansas. It was a good opportunity to visit with Via Christi executives about health care issues.
Attending Marianna Kistler Beach Art Museum Board Meeting
On Friday, Robba and I attended the Board of Visitors Annual Meeting for the Marianna Kistler Beach Museum of Art located on the campus of Kansas State University. Robba and I are honored to represent Ross and Marianna Beach on the board.
The museum was added to the Kansas State University campus in 1996 to feature the university's collection of drawings paintings and watercolors and has become a cherished cultural center. It continues to provide art appreciation and education to a diverse audience and attracts patrons from all over the nation. Its impact on the state of Kansas is immeasurable.

Thanks to Beth Bird of Anthony, chair of the Board of Visitors, members of the Board of Visitors, Lorne Render, director of the museum, and to the staff of the museum.
Visiting with Business Leaders at Lawrence Chamber of Commerce Breakfast
This week, I attended the Lawrence Area Chamber of Commerce Breakfast. I appreciated the opportunity to visit with business leaders in the Lawrence community and also listen to their concerns about issues on the federal level that would affect businesses at home. I also discussed my opposition to H.R. 3200, the proposed health care legislation. I expressed my concerns about the cost of the plan and how the potential of rolling up to 114 million Americans into one government health care plan could lead to the elimination of private health insurance. Thank you to Hank Booth for his hospitality.
In the Office
Pittsburg State University President Dr. Steven Scott, Steve Robb and Dr. Andrew Myers of Pittsburg were in with Pitt State to discuss the Kansas Polymer Research Center and the Kansas Technology Center. Murat Tatli of Lenexa was in with the Turquoise Council of Americans and Eurasians to tell me about the organization's work to promote cultural understanding. Neil Jednoralski of Salina was in on behalf of the Salina 9.12 Project to talk about the project's goals to restore American values and principles.
Gary Slimmer and Charles Yunker of Topeka were in with the Kansas American Legion to tell me about funding for veterans' health care and efforts at Ft. Riley to assist veterans in filing claims. Before receiving a tour of the United States

Capitol, Robin Hertel and Glenda Schaffer of Hays stopped by to discuss nursing workforce development initiatives.

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Congressman Jerry Moran
Thomas and Karen Wilder of Great Bend came by to visit about health care reform and also took a tour of the Capitol.
Very truly yours,
Jerry